



**EAST ELGIN
SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
New Members Guide**

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Welcome

We are a family-friendly sporting club. It is our pleasure to provide you with this New Member's Guide. We hope that this guide will provide you with answers and can be used as a reference.

Further we hope it inspires your active participation in the many exciting disciplines and activities that make up EESA.

If, after reading, you have any questions feel free to contact any of the Directors of the Board.

- Safety - Fun - Education -

Safety ~ we work hard at our club to ensure the safety of everyone who shoots or visits the ranges. Our volunteers and instructors are trained and licensed. We have protocols in place to make certain any and all activities continue to provide enjoyment for years to come. Range rules and etiquette are located under Rules and Responsibilities.

Fun ~ Fun is second only to safety at EESA! We offer a fantastic facility, a wide range of activities, and regular planned events. You will find a knowledgeable, welcoming group of enthusiastic gun owners, who are happy to help you enjoy the wonderful world of shooting sports.

Education ~ EESA is heavily involved in many training programs including a top junior rifle program, classes in licensing, holster certification and range officer training. In addition we have several members actively involved in educating the public on responsible gun ownership and the joys of the sport through media relations and shoots for non-shooters. If you would like to get involved in any of these endeavors, ask a director for information on organizing your own group event or lending a hand with something already scheduled.

Facilities

Club House -

In 2010 the old log cabin EESA had used as a clubhouse and meeting centre was torn down (after 55 years of use, and outgrowing its usefulness). We replaced it with the 2 story building you see today. This building opened its doors in Springtime 2011, with thanks to the support and work of many of our members. The new club house has an open area where we can hold member meetings, as well as a classroom, washrooms, and a full kitchen. To top that off, we have a second floor specially designed for hosting indoor archery and air rifle / air pistol.

Indoor Range -

To the left of the clubhouse is our indoor range. After 3 months of probationary membership you may opt to purchase a key; this grants you 24 hour access to the indoor facility. Inside you will find a heated lounge with washrooms and a viewing window to the 10 shooting stations available for hand guns and handgun caliber carbines. We have automated target returns at each station and a ventilation system for air quality.

Outdoor Ranges -

We currently have 4 outdoor ranges available. Our 300 meter range is the longest in Southwestern Ontario with target stands at 100m, 200m, and 300m points, as well as gongs at 300m. It contains covered shooting stations with concrete benches and is wheelchair accessible. In addition we have 45m, 85m, and 100yard ranges for rifles, shotguns and handguns.

Trap House -

Our trap house is located in the middle of our facilities. It contains a cover for shooters and runs weekly shoots on Sunday afternoons as well as monthly special events. Sunday afternoon trap prices are 9.00 for a box of shells and 5.00 per round. Meat shoots are held on the first Sunday of each month from October to April, events include Pepper the Paper and Annie Oakley.

Fishing Pond -

We have an approximately 2 acre pond located near the front southwest corner of the property for those members interested in fishing. We hold the Annual Malhon Hale Fishing Derby for kids every year. **Provincial Fishing Regulations Apply.**

Shooting Disciplines

Junior Rifle - Starting the first Friday in January and running every Friday through to the end of April each year, this program offers young shooters ages 10 – 21 years the opportunity to learn safe gun handling and the fundamentals of target shooting. EESA has produced some of Canada's top junior shooters with representation at National and International events. A \$10 fee includes both targets and ammunition each Friday night.

Senior Rifle - Also involved in a competitive league, our senior rifle group practices Thursday evenings, Sunday mornings and holds inter-club events.

Bullseye - With a focus on accuracy in single-handed shooting, our Bullseye members meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings from 7-10. They also hold special Bullseye events.

IPSC - The International Practical Shooting Confederation organizes a style of “running and gunning” competition that stresses speed, accuracy and power. We have a very active group of members who host large matches throughout the year in addition to monthly club level events. IPSC meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings every month from 5-10.. **A Black Badge must be completed in order to compete.** For more information contact ipsc@eesa.ca.

Black Badge -For those interested in IPSC, a black badge course must be taken. Over the 2.5 days of training, proper holster techniques, safe shooting while on the move, and the general rules of IPSC are covered. For more information on times and locations feel free to drop in at the indoor range, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 6 – 9 pm.

IDPA - The International Defensive Pistol Association holds regular competitions simulating practical self-defense scenarios. IDPA meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening every month from 5-9 pm.

A Holster Certification course is required in order to compete.

IDPA Holster Certification ~ IDPA offers its own certification for those wishing to compete in matches. Basic safety and rules of IDPA are covered. For more information you can come out the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month or email idpa@eesa.ca.

Archery - Junior Archery runs every Friday evening starting the 1st Friday of May and runs through to September. Kids, ages 4 – 21 years, are encouraged to come out and learn the skill of archery. Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. There is also a 3D archery trail in the woods surrounding EESA's property. The senior archery group stage 4-3D tournaments each year.

Special Events

Blast Off Military Shoot - For more than 10 years this annual event has brought together shooters who share an enthusiasm for vintage and modern military firearms. Various competitions are held in the spirit of fun and sportsmanship. This is yet another great way to get your 8 hours of volunteer time in each year.

Malhon Hale Fishing Derby - The first Saturday in May is the annual Malhon Hale fishing derby. At that time we stock the pond with trout. Members and local children come and try their luck for an assortment of prizes as well as fresh fish.

Charity Matches - EESA has a strong history of hosting annual IPSC matches in an effort to raise money for worthwhile causes. In the past, such groups as the Breast Cancer foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the East Elgin Secondary School Drama department have been recipients of the great generosity shown by the shooting community.

Newbie Shoots - In an ongoing effort to further education and interest in firearms and responsible gun ownership, EESA offers supervised shooting opportunities for groups with little or no experience. Member assistance at these events is always appreciated. Groups include church organizations, wedding parties, employee social committees and student associations. To book an event, fill out the online facility request form on our website or call the club for more information.

Other Activities

Social Events –

EESA has an active social calendar with various dinners scheduled throughout the year as well as gun shows, barbecues, fireworks, and children friendly events.

Euchre is played every third Saturday of each month starting at 7 pm in the main clubhouse, it's 5.00 to play with refreshments available. For more information contact social@eesa.ca.

Y.O.D.A.(Youth Outdoor Day of Adventure)-

2016 was the first year for this now annual event, a full day of fun for ages 8-15. **Featuring rifle, archery, fishing, survival skills, making shelters and fires, building a campfire, wildlife exhibit, prizes, raffles, youth lunch provided. Visit our website for the yearly date and for more information.**

Meetings and Classes

Board of Director Meetings - EESA BOD is made up of 12 volunteer members who have been voted by the general membership and who give up their time to help run club business. They meet once a month. The dates are posted on the EESA calendar on our website, which is accessible by members. Any member is welcome to attend BOD meetings. Any member wishing to submit items for the agenda of a Board meeting should do so by contacting the secretary@eesa.ca two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

Annual General Members Elections - Annual elections are held early in the year. You must be a member for 3 months to be able to vote.

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